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ATLASES.

ATLAS DE GEOGRAPHIE MODERNE.—Par F. Schrader, F. Prudent et E. Anthoine. Contenant 64 cartes doubles imprimées en couleurs. Accompagnées au verso d'un texte géographique, statistique, et ethnographique avec 600 cartes de détail et d'un index alphabétique d'environ 50,000 noms. New Edition. Hachette & Co., Paris, 1908. (Price, 25 fr.)

Few cartographic works are so well adapted as the new edition of this well-known atlas to serve the general public. With each of the 64 double-page coloured map sheets are two or more pages of text describing the region mapped in all its geographical phases. These notices are written by 19 geographers of France, many of whom have international reputation. The 600 small black-and-white maps and diagrams illustrate the geographical, statistical, and ethnographical text supplied by these collaborators. The small maps include a large number of city plans and also illustrate land forms, sea depths, climate, communications, historical geography, etc. The coloured maps are excellent specimens of compilation and mechanical production. They are especially noteworthy for clearness which makes them easy to read. A few maps, as, for example, the polar charts, are not up to date. The projection used for each sheet is mentioned and the chapter by D. Aitoff, describing briefly thirty-five projections, is one of the best that have been written for the general reader.

BOOK NOTICES.

Deutsche Wasserstrassen und Eisenbahnen in ihrer Bedeutung für den Verkehr. Von Dr. Thomas Lenschau. vii and 200 pp., 6 diagrams and 1 Map. Gebauer-Schwetschke, Halle a. S. 1907. (Price, M. 3.)

A concise and admirable account of the development of German waterways and railroads, including 15 statistical tables giving the most significant and instructive facts relating to these routes. Valuable for the great array of facts collated, the deductions drawn from them and as a study of the methodical unfolding of a large and complicated economic subject relating to Germany.

Expedition nach Central- und Südamerika. Von Dr. Paul Preuss. xii and 452 pp., 20 Plates, 1 Plan, and 78 Illustrations in the Text. Verlag des Kolonial-Wirtschaftlichen Komitees, Berlin, 1901. (Price, M. 20.)

One of the fine books growing out of the tropical studies promoted by the Kolonial-Wirtschaftliches Komitee in the expectation that the information collected will help in the development of German colonial industries. Dr. Preuss was the director of the experimental garden at Victoria, Kamerun. The Committee sent him to South and Central America and the West Indies, where he made a careful study of plantation systems. The experience and knowledge he gained are set forth in this handsome volume, which is widely distributed in the German colonies and is helping there to improve methods of agriculture. The book is somewhat technical, but supplies much valuable information, not only on tropical agriculture, but also on the subject of botanical distribution in the countries visited and the general relations of the flora. The numerous illustrations from photographs and drawings are of an instructive character.